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The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the European Search Report for a related European Patent Application No. EP 01410070. A copy of the Search Report (3 pages) is enclosed herewith.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/165,863, filed June 7, 2002 (published as U.S. Patent

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Application Publication No. 2003/0037293 A1); and 10/852,850, filed on May 24, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

German Document No. 100 08 674 A1 is not in English. A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of German Document No. 100 08 674 A1 can be found in the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,662,316 B1.

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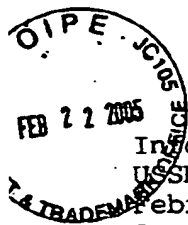
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Copy of Non-U.S. Patent documents listed on Form PTO-1449 (modified), with the exception of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/852,850



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